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1. SASC TODAY VOTED TO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION'S DIEGO
EXPANSION PROPOSAL.

2. ON MAY 19, SENATOR MANSFIELD HAD INTRODUCED S. RES. 160,
WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. RESOLVED, THAT THE SENATE DOES NOT APPROVE THE PRO-
POSED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA,

THE NEED FOR WHICH WAS CERTIFIED TO BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE
CERTIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY THE
SENATE ON MAY 12, 1975. UNQUOTE.

S. RES. 160 WAS REFERRED TO THE SASC, WHICH HELD A HEARING
ON JUNE 10 WITH TESTIMONY FROM SECDEF SCHLESINGER, CJCS GEN.
BROWN, AND PM DIRECTOR VEST. ON JUNE 17, THE SASC VOTED
10-6 TO REPORT THE MANSFIELD RES. TO THE FULL SENATE WITH AN
UNFAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. WE ESTIMATE PERIOD FOR THE

SENATE TO CONSIDER AND VOTE ON S. RES. 160 WILL END
BEFORE THE AUGUST RECESS.

3. NO SIMILAR DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION HAS AS YET BEEN
INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE.

4. MEANWHILE, THE FY-76 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
AUTHORIZATION BILL -- CONTAINING DOLS. 13.8 MILLION
IN MILCON FUNDS FOR THE DIEGO EXPANSION -- IS PROGRESSING
THROUGH CONGRESS. THE SASC MILCON SUBCOMMITTEE DELETED
THIS DIEGO ITEM ON MAY 12. HOWEVER, THE SASC RESTORED
THE FULL AMOUNT ON MAY 15, ADDING A PROVISIO THAT THESE
FUNDS MAY NOT BE OBLIGATED IF EITHER HOUSE OF CONGRESS
HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE DIEGO PROJECT
(AS REQUIRED BY THE FY-75 RPT FY-75 MILCON AUTHORIZATION
ACT). THE FULL SENATE PASSED THIS BILL ON JUNE 9 AND
SENT IT TO THE HOUSE. THUS, THE FY-75 AND FY-76 MILCON
AUTHORIZATIONS -- DOLS. 18.1 AND 13.8 MILLION,
RESPECTIVELY -- WILL BOTH PROBABLY BE CONTINGENT
UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE PROCESS DESCRIBED IN PARAS
ONE-THREE ABOVE. KISSINGER

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